

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT COUNTIES

Advisory Meeting

April 12, 2000 at 10:00 A.M.

DSS Training Center

815 "S" Street, Delta Room

Sacramento, California

SUMMARY

Revised: June 6, 2000

1. Welcome-Hector Hernandez welcomed all the PMC supervisors to the meeting. Hector noted that he had talked with Joeana and she would be back at the May meeting.
2. Agenda Review-Hector Hernandez reviewed the agenda and asked for any additional agenda items. Two additional items were added.
3. Summary Review-Hector Hernandez asked for any changes to the summary for the March meeting. None were identified.
4. CalWORKs report-Warren Ghens provided his report and invited counties to provided their questions. Warren provided an update on the latest changes in CalWORKs. Among the items discussed: Richard Trujillo notified all the PMC supervisors that the latest Q5 version will be released in May to allow for further testing. This will also allow the inclusion of all the edits that had been developed by the Edit Review Team. SMU staff will inform the PMC supervisors when the new version will be available for loading. Gerry Greer posed a question on a case involving a Russian refugee case. Warren will work with Gerry to resolve issue and report next month. Richard Trujillo requested input from the PMC supervisors on what kind of report they wanted to be produced from class 600 data. Information to Richard due April 14. It was reported that QFIX does not work. Richard Trujillo will follow up. Hector Hernandez thanked the counties and their staff for meeting the first quarter 2000 TANF transmission deadline. He thanked them for their hard work in meeting this important deadline.
5. Food Stamps report-Michael Bowman-Jones provided an update on the latest changes in the Food Stamps program. Among the items that Mike covered were: Categorical Eligibility is still of concern to the counties. Mike handed out copies of REB Transmittals 93-04, 94-06 and 94-06R. Food Stamp Branch will soon be releasing an ACL dealing with the concerns. When the ACL is produced Mike will prepare a new transmittal. The ACL will reiterate that otherwise ineligible cases must be treated as overissuances. Mike then noted that if the following message" There is prisoner data but it cannot be determined whether disclosure is permitted" shown on an IEVS message, the CWD must verify if the applicant/recipient is incarcerated, is a fleeing felon, or if the message refers to past events. *If there is a safety issue it is appropriate to drop the case. This decision should be on a case by case basis. All decisions must be well documented.* Mike also discussed issue related to residency. Counties have been asking about including or excluding variances in this Class. According to the FNS 310, section 833, counties that have the reviewer use the MEDS system to check duplicate participation/living in another project area can exclude these variances in the household lived in another project area and there was no duplicate participation. However, duplicate participation variances must still be included. Mike discussed a perception that exists in the area of SUA/Shelter verifications that choosing the option of no shelter verification equals no error. Counties must still act on reported changes so if the household reports a shelter cost change and the county takes no action a variance would be cited. Citing from the SCQC: when the household moves to a new county, the new county's policy goes into effect at application. Mike also handed out several transmittals in draft status for review. When these transmittals are finalized, they will be placed on the web page.

6. Field Operations Report-Tom Benson reported that Bruce Lerner had designed a new rolling error rate report. Tom provided the PMC supervisors with a copy. The PMC supervisors wanted the *same product the State will be using and releasing on their reports*. Richard Wilmer will look into this request and report back at the next meeting. Tom handed out a chart on cases with earned income for everyone's information. Tom reported that he expects the final federal Food Stamp error rate for FY99 to be released by April 29. He said we are anticipating a sanction, however, it appears the FNS will allow California to adjust our final error rate and avoid a dollar penalty.
7. Annual Conference update-Daphne Criswell provided an update to the Conference in San Luis Obispo. A draft agenda was shared with all the attendees. The PMC Advisory Group made several changes and additions to the draft agenda. Daphne reminded everyone to mail in their registration and make their hotel reservations. Holly Hamilton and Daphne will take all of the suggestions and ideas provided at this meeting and report back at the next meeting with a more final agenda package for review and approval.
8. Taskforce Updates-Richard Trujillo again reminded everyone of the change in the release date for next version of the software and reported how his staff will be working to distribute the new package. Hector Hernandez provided a chart on when changes to Food Stamp cases can be made after the monthly federal transmission.
9. CalWin-Hopi Rios asked about this program and whether we were aware of its existence. Most of the PMC supervisors were not aware of this program. Hopi was planning to attend a meeting in early May and she shared a copy of some of the material she had on this program. It was noted that the CalWin program has a data collection component similar to our present system. Hector said he would check with Frank Andersen to see if he had any knowledge of this program. Hopi said she would report back at the May meeting with any information and how the CalWin program may impact our reviews.
10. Welfare to Work- Daphne wanted a further clarification on zero grant cases and whether these cases should be reviewed. It was discussed and determined that this issue had been previously presented and a letter has already released with the review guidelines. Hector noted that he will notify Frank of the question and if Daphne had any further issues in this area to contact Frank Andersen.
11. Next Meeting: May 10, 2000